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**Remarks**

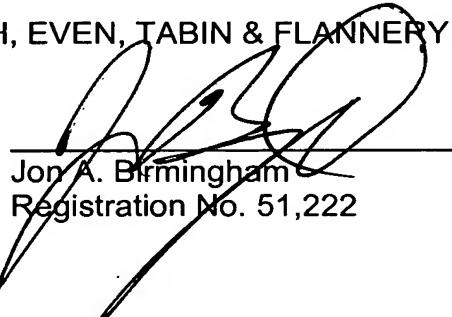
As indicated in paragraph 17 (page 3) of the Continuing Patent Application Transmittal dated September 8, 2003, claims 1-8 were canceled upon filing of the present application. Thus, claims 9-12 remain in the present application for examination. Accordingly, examination of claims 9-12 is respectfully requested.

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